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**Marfa Border Patrol Seizes Marijuana  
*Over 2000 Pounds Confiscated***

**MARFA, Texas** – Agents of the U.S. Border Patrol Marfa Sector seized 2,031 pounds of marijuana in four instances last weekend. The estimated street value of the drugs seized is \$1,625,024.

Agents of the Sanderson Station were able to track six Mexican citizens to a locked room in a hunting shack in Terrell County on Friday, March 7. The agents seized eleven sacks of marijuana weighing 532.68 pounds and valued at \$426,144.00. The Mexican citizens and the marijuana were turned over to Texas Department of Public Safety narcotics officers.

Saturday, March 8, Agents at the Sierra Blanca checkpoint on Interstate 10 confiscated 61.5 pounds from an United States citizen. The marijuana was hidden in the man's car and had a street value of \$49,200.

Also Saturday, Sierra Blanca Agents discovered 848 pounds laying on top of a load of freight in the trailer of an 18-wheeler. Two United States citizens were arrested. The value of the marijuana is over \$678,400.

Sunday, Agents of the Van Horn Station, followed tracks to a hiding place in the desert south of Van Horn. The Agents arrested four Mexican citizens and confiscated 589.1 pounds of marijuana worth \$471, 280.

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